



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

March 24, 2015

Mr. Edward Williams  
Kalmar Solutions, LLC  
415 E Dundee Street  
Ottawa, KS 66067

NVS-215KS  
15V-140

**Subject:** Battery Ground may Disconnect and Harness may Melt

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kalmar Solutions, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

KALMAR/OTTAWA/2014-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 10, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-140

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 311

**Problem Description:**

Kalmar Solutions, LLC (Kalmar) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Ottawa terminal tractors manufactured June 20, 2014, to November 14, 2014. Due to improper routing, the battery ground cable may detach from its mounting on the transmission, and as a result, excessive current may travel through the vehicle's engine harness, melting it.

**Consequence:**

Melting of the engine harness may cause an electrical short and increase the risk of a fire.

**Remedy:**

Kalmar will notify owners, and dealers will replace the battery cable and correct its routing to eliminate stress on its attachment point, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 31, 2015. Owners may contact Kalmar customer service at 1-785-229-6327.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Kalmar's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Be sure to include the events that occurred from the Mid-November 2014 change in vehicle production to your recall filing in March 2015. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement